

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are filed in accordance with multiple discussions with the Examiner and the suggested changes indicated in the Office Action dated December 8, 2004.

Claims 1-11, 13-16 and 18-27 are presented herewith for reconsideration. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 10, 14-15, 22 and 24-26 have been amended. Claims 12 and 17 are cancelled.

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-11, 13-16 and 18-27 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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